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Office of the Secretary  
445 12<sup>th</sup> Street, SW  
Washington, DC 20554

Letter of Appeal

CC DOCKET NO. 02-6

RE: Date of notification of Commitment Adjustment Letter: April 21, 2010  
FRN's: 1222953, 1222829  
Billed Entity Name: Rangeview Library District  
Form 471 Application Number: 440845  
BEN: 142159  
FCC Registration Number: 0011875689

**THIS LETTER IS AN APPEAL.**

It was determined by USAC that the above referenced FRN funding commitment be rescinded in full because during the course of an audit it was determined that the price of eligible products and services was not the primary factor in the vendor selection process. This determination was based on our inability to provide documentation of the number of bids submitted, associated prices and the bid evaluation process.

There is only one telephone service provider in Bennett Colorado and it is Eastern Slope Rural Telephone Association. To the best of my knowledge they are still the ONLY provider in the area and since I have been doing the e-rate filings for Rangeview Library District (3 years), no other providers have provided any bids for the Bennett Library Telephone Service.

E-rate is an extremely complicated process and there was no document retention training from USAC that addressed policy, forms or years for storing documents available until 2006. While we realize that this was a violation of the retention policy we are asking that this funding not be rescinded because it was not clear at the time what documents needed to be retained or for how long.

Sincerely,



Mindy Kittay  
Finance Director  
Rangeview Library District

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**Notification of Commitment Adjustment Letter**

**Funding Year 2005: July 1, 2005 - June 30, 2006**

April 21, 2010

**Michael Sawyer**

**RANGEVIEW LIBRARY DISTRICT**

**8992 WASHINGTON ST,**

**THORNTON, CO 80229 4537**

<b>Re: Form 471 Application Number:</b>	<b>440845</b>
<b>Funding Year:</b>	<b>2005</b>
<b>Applicant's Form Identifier:</b>	<b>2005471</b>
<b>Billed Entity Number:</b>	<b>142159</b>
<b>FCC Registration Number:</b>	<b>0011875689</b>
<b>SPIN:</b>	<b>143002488</b>
<b>Service Provider Name:</b>	<b>Eastern Slope Rural Telephone Association,</b>
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cc: Patricia White  
Eastern Slope Rural Telephone Association, Inc.

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SPIN:	143002488
Service Provider Name:	Eastern Slope Rural Telephone Associatio
Contract Number:	T
Billing Account Number:	3491
Site Identifier:	142159
Original Funding Commitment:	\$486.00
Commitment Adjustment Amount:	\$486.00
Adjusted Funding Commitment:	\$0.00
Funds Disbursed to Date	\$486.00
Funds to be Recovered from Applicant:	\$486.00

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